

So for many people that means that government will not have to do things for them they can do for themselves. For others, it means that they will buy something and pay taxes back into the economy. But it is a misnomer; all of the averages are often used to try to confuse the American people.

COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. MASCARA] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. MASCARA. Mr. Speaker, I am here tonight to speak out against plans being considered by my Republican colleagues to dismantle college financial aid programs.

A college education is the heart and soul of the American dream. It is the meal ticket that helps ensure our youngsters have the opportunity to enjoy a brighter and more economically secure tomorrow.

The financial aid programs that Republicans want to cut back are the tools that have helped generations of Americans educate their children.

If the cuts being considered are adopted, they would cost students and their families \$20 billion over the next 5 years. It is estimated, that would add \$4,157 over 10 years to the bill of the average student in my home State of Pennsylvania.

According to a renowned higher education association study, the changes being sought by the Republicans would constitute the largest increase in college costs in history.

We cannot and should not let this happen. It is reprehensible to attack the very programs that help ensure our Nation has a source of future leaders who can attain financial security.

I happen to know something about college educations. I received my degree in 1972 and over the years educated my wife, Dolores, and our children.

Because I believe so strongly in the benefits of a higher education, I have served for many years as a trustee at California University of Pennsylvania. Knowing how important it is to keep the costs of college in line and within reach of working families, I have repeatedly opposed tuition increases that have come before the board of trustees.

I know that each time tuition and costs rise, students leave school because they can no longer afford to stay.

My goal has always been to keep them in school to make sure they receive a college degree.

As I indicated in a 1 minute earlier this week, thousands of students in my district would have no chance of achieving a brighter future unless they get that all important degree.

Let's not let them down. Let's lift them up and help them lift themselves out of a lifetime of economic decadence and despair.

I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to oppose these cuts. We can ill afford to turn our backs on our young people. They are our future.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. WISE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. BECERRA, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. OWENS, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. LIPINSKI, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. JACKSON-LEE, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. UNDERWOOD, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. MASCARA, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. BALDACCIO, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. ABERCROMBIE, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. VOLKMER, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.
(The following Members (at the request of Mrs. SMITH of Washington) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)
Mrs. SMITH of Washington, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. KINGSTON, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. HOKE, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. HAYWORTH, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(Mr. MORAN, and to include extraneous material during debate on H.R. 1215 in the House.)
(The following Members (at the request of Mr. WISE) and to include extraneous matter:)
Mr. STOKES in two instances.
Mr. STARK.
Ms. NORTON.
Mr. GORDON.
Mr. HASTINGS of Florida.
Mr. HAMILTON.
Mr. MURTHA.
Mr. ACKERMAN.
Ms. LOFGREN.
Mr. HOYER.
Mr. LEVIN in three instances.
Mr. WILLIAMS.
Mr. POMEROY.
Mr. SABO.
Mr. DINGELL.
Mr. SKAGGS.
Mr. JACOBS.
Mr. CONYERS in two instances.
Mr. GEJDENSON.
Mrs. LINCOLN.
Mr. COYNE.

(The following Members (at the request of Mrs. SMITH of Washington) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. SHUSTER in two instances.
Mr. HOUGHTON.
Mr. BATEMAN.
Mr. CALLAHAN.
Mr. SOLOMON in two instances.
Mrs. KELLY.
Mr. RAMSTAD.
Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN.
Mr. ARCHER.
Mr. BURTON of Indiana.
Mr. SAXTON.
Mr. BUYER.
Mr. GILMAN.
Mr. GILLMOR.
Mr. HANCOCK.
Mr. DAVIS.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee did on this day present to the President, for his approval, a bill of the House of the following title:

On April 4, 1995:

H.R. 831. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the deduction for the health insurance costs of self-employed individuals, to repeal the provision permitting nonrecognition of gain on sales and exchanges effectuating policies of the Federal Communications Commission, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 12 o'clock p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, April 6, 1995, at 10 o'clock a.m.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. LIVINGSTON: Committee of Conference. Conference report on H.R. 889. A bill making emergency supplemental appropriations and rescissions to preserve and enhance the military readiness of the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, and for other purposes (Rept. 104-101). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. DREIER: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 129. Resolution waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 889) making emergency supplemental appropriations and rescissions to preserve and enhance the military readiness of the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, and for other purposes (Rept. 104-102). Referred to the House Calendar.

Ms. PRYCE: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 130. Resolution providing for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 483), to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit Medicare select policies to be offered in all States, and for other purposes (Rept. 104-103). Referred to the House Calendar.